

Dickey County Commissioner Meeting - July 21, 2026

Vice Chair Brandon Carlson called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Commissioners Jerry Walsh, John Hokana, and Marke Roberts were also present. Auditor Sheppard and States Attorney Radermacher were also present. The media was not present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additions to the Agenda
Forbes Road culvert issue
Workforce housing south of Pheasant Lake update
Applied Digital grant received by the county
Pheasant Lake ND State water permit to contractor

Hokana made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Roberts seconded. Motion carried.

Sheppard presented an additional voucher in the amount of \$1,398,621.43 from Central Specialties for the 87th Avenue project. Roberts made a motion to approve the vouchers presented with the addition to Central Specialties. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Walsh made a motion to approve the June 2026 Financial report. Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Fair Board Chairman Val Wagner joined the meeting to discuss the Fair Board meeting after the review of the county budget. The barn project was discussed. There are several poles that need to be replaced. A decision is needed so the Board knows how to proceed: fix the building or replace the whole building. The Fair Board has a \$100,000 grant from the state of North Dakota. Carlson stated that he is in favor of a new building, but to wait with the pouring of concrete. The building is bigger than the current building and will continue as cold storage. Carlson made a motion to support the Fair Board as they construct a new building with an increase of 0.50 mills for the Fair Board for up to five years, but wait with the concrete and the bathrooms, with the assumption that if more grant money is received, that would cover the cost of these additions that the Board would move forward with these additions as well Hokana seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried.

Radermacher updated the Commission on the grant received from Applied Digital. The grant was to purchase Flock cameras (license plate readers) which had not been discussed by the Commission. The county park portion of the grant had

been discussed. Radermacher stated that Commissioner Holm has signed the grant paperwork. No action to be taken.

Carlson stated he has been receiving calls about the workforce housing south of Pheasant Lake. The Commission is requesting that Camp Manager Gary Dathe join the Commission meeting to give an update on the security at the camp, and how the workers are moved from the camp to the work site. Sheppard will contact Dathe.

Land Use Administrator Amy Mittleider joined the meeting to update the Commission on any issues with the new zoning ordinances. Mittleider stated that two letters have been sent out to individuals who have not completed permits as required. Access to the zoning ordinances was discussed. There is a link on the county's website at <https://dickeynd.com> towards the bottom of the page. Commission suggested submitting an article to the newspaper.

The Commission took a short recess at 10:15, returning at 10:20.

Treasurer Wonada Lematta joined the meeting to review the Treasurer's budget.

Water Board Chairman Steve Hansen joined the meeting at 10:25. The Dickey County Drain #1, Oakes Pilot Drain, Yorktown Maple Drain, and the Water Resource Board budgets were reviewed. Hansen presented a report completed on the 2026 North Dakota Irrigation and Drainage Study. Discussion followed concerning the Red River Water Project that Dickey County has agreed to take part in. Hansen stated that the Job Development Authority (JDA) Board will need to start to consider how decisions will be made to use the water purchased by the county for this project. Walsh stated that the JDA has not discussed that at this point.

Highway Superintendent Jeff Hagen joined the meeting at 10:45.

Park Board Chairman Andi Schimke joined the meeting to discuss the phone call Schimke received concerning a conditional permit granted by the state of North Dakota to WMD Sepaniak to take water from Pheasant Lake for dust control on a project. The state has granted the permit, but the county needed to be contacted. The water will be taken using the state right-of-way off Highway 11.

Roberts asked Hagen about culverts on the county road that leads into the city of Forbes. Hagen stated that the culverts will be fixed when the micro-milling project

is completed next year. Hagen stated that he will look to see if anything can be done before that, as the project will not be done until 2027. Commission asked Hagen to check into storing gravel in Oakes, like done in Ellendale. The county could contract with the city for loading.

A five-minute recess started at 12:03, and the Commissioners returned at 12:08.

Sheppard presented the Auditor budget. The wages for 2027 of the Land Use Administrator was discussed. No action was

taken.

Clerk of Court Andi Schimke joined the meeting to discuss the Clerk of Court budget, County Park budget, and the Grant Budget. Schimke stated she has placed money in the grant budget, which Schimke is requesting that if no grant is received, proceeds from the sale of land at Pheasant Lake be used for the project. Walsh made a motion to take \$17,000 out of the proceeds from the land sale for the development of the campground at Pheasant Lake. Carlson seconded. Roll call was Walsh yes; Hokana yes; Carlson yes; Roberts no. Motion carried. Roberts explained his no vote, that he would like to see the expenses of the park board partially covered with the interest from the sale of the land.

Roberts made a motion to place the balance of the money from the land sale into a CD. Walsh seconded. Roll call was unanimous. Motion carried. Sheppard will contact the Treasurer's office to get CD rates from the local financial institutes.

Sheppard presented the following budgets:

Non-department	
County maintenance	
County Coroner	
The balance of budgets to be reviewed	
will be reviewed on August 4th during the	
regular Commissioner meeting. The meeting	
will start at 8:00 am.	
Hokana made a motion to adjourn at 1:45	
pm.	
Salaries	211,057.88
ND State Tax Commissioner	
1649.16	
Monthly Expenses	1,232.32
Avid Hawk LLC	25.00
Balco Uniform	1,935.00
Chads Electric INC	7,629.25
Cole Paper	158.38

Dickey County Fair Board		534.46	Rapid Response Plumbing Heating and AC	
158.06		ND Public Employee Retirement	700.00	
Ellendale Church of Nazarene		9,474.20	Schmidt Kelly	322.15
300.00		ND Public Employee Retirement	Starion Insurance Agency	
Ellendale True Value	24.08	458.72	2,977.00	
Herman Matthew	87.25	ND Public Employee Retirement	Agtegra Cooperative	28,687.93
Hokana John	46.40	56.76	Anderson Brothers Inc	921.06
Holm Kacey	42.77	ND Public Employee Retirement	Bear Creek Gravel LLC	
Holm Kasi	107.30	138.04	669.20	
Jarman's Water Systems		Aflac	Bear Creek Gravel LLC	
76.65		2,391.56	446.00	
Motorola Solutions INC		Cities, Townships, Schools	Dakota Improvement	12,971.18
6,480.00		228,607.65	Dickey County	34.46
ND Association of County Superintendents		Community Volunteer EMS of LaMoure	Hills Hardware	57.48
50.00		50.48	House of Glass INC	1,640.12
Oakes City Auditor	300.00	Kulm Ambulance Corps	John Deere Financial	1,690.80
Petersen Marla	47.33	102.18	Mertz Const & Supply	1.99
Postmaster Ellendale	106.00	Edgeley Ambulance Service	Napa Central	693.50
Q & N Corporation	159.99	48.98	ND Association of Counties	
Q & N Corporation	1,510.99	Oakes Volunteer Ambulance Service	33.00	
Q & N Corporation	130.00	2,362.78	North Dakota One Call	
Q & N Corporation	600.00	Ellendale City	27.00	
Simek Dean	160.49	Oakes City Auditor	Oakes Truck & Trailer	385.53
Starion Insurance Agency		Garrison Diversion	Ottertail Power Company	
2,977.00		James River Soil Conservation	76.25	
Starion Insurance Agency		2,776.74	Retzlaff R Trucking LLC	
24,758.00		Ellendale Fire	29,894.90	
Vestis	170.75	Oakes Fire	Sign Solutions	599.85
Waldo Lori	103.30	Dickey County Senior Citizens	Waste Management	106.90
Dickey County	67.05	1,274.79	Office Of Attorney General	
Economy Oil Co	2,323.54	Dickey County Historical	300.00	
Lorena's Cleaning Serv.		318.75	Pharmchem INC	95.85
400.00		Sargent County Drain #11	Fiscal Administration- County Jail Claims	
Nippon Sanso Matheson INC		529.10	99.17	
879.84		ND State Treasurer	Stutsman Correctional Center	
Oakes Truck & Trailer	3,772.33	Dickey County Treasurer	3,000.00	
Southeast Water Users		1,675.00	Postmaster Ellendale	106.00
50.96		Human Services	Aberdeen Chrysler Center	
Ugpti/NDLTAP	25.00	281 Repair LLC	629.98	
Vestis	208.20	Agtegra Oakes	Dickey County Leader	45.00
Rise	1,800.00	Bertsch Ty	Dickey County Hwy Dept	
R2 Properties LLC	2,340.00	402.13	739.01	
Tyler Technologies	504.50	Cole Paper	Ellendale True Value	204.82
ABC Boat Docks LLC	9,236.50	Dickey County Fair Board	Fullerton Farmers Elevator	
Dickey County Leader	90.00	118.54	220.44	
Kiser Breana	730.55	Dickey County Hwy Dept	Spraysync	1,580.00
NDSU	360.00	52.31	John Quandt	7.25
Pakonen Monica	58.00	Dickey County Hwy Dept	AT&T Mobility	831.20
Q & N Corporation	149.25	48.63	Dakota Valley Electric Coop	
Simple Wolf	59.99	Dickey County Hwy Dept	276.00	
AT&T Mobility	830.78	1,253.29	Dickey County Leader	2,279.51
Balcony Technology Group INC		Hoven Perry	Dickey County Hwy Dept	
2,500.00		5,063.45	529.27	
Montana Dakota Utilities		Information Technology Dept	Dickey Rural Networks	
2,817.86		1,817.95	1,464.77	
Central Special Ties INC		Lorena's Cleaning Serv.	Ellendale City Auditor	987.97
401,168.87		450.00	Farmers Union Oil	3,822.62
ND Public Employee Retirement		Q & N Corporation	Montana Dakota Utilities	
60,296.26		308.00	2,721.92	
ND Public Employee Retirement		2,000.00	Office of the Adjutant General	
		Quadiant Leasing USA, Inc		
		294.99		
		Quality Quick Print		
		589.50		

25,666.53		ND Public Employee Retirement	ND Child Support Division
Ohnstad Twichell PC	2,476.50	661.00	508.50
JP Morgan	2,205.84	Wex Health INC	James Valley Regional Lodge
Central Special Ties INC		ND Public Employee Retirement	66.34
1,398,621.43		712.18	
ND Public Employee Retirement		Delta Dental Plan of MN	
27,166.02		2,585.94	
ND Public Employee Retirement		Ameritas Life Insurance Corp	
3,094.42		386.32	
ND Public Employee Retirement		ND Child Support Division	
1,910.18		375.00	